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1. A hand covering to cover the fingers and thumb of a wearer while
engaging in an activity, comprising:

a body for covering the hand of the wearer;

5 an expanse of formed material having plural wipers, wherein the expanse is
joined to the body.

2. The hand covering of claim 1 wherein the expanse is joined
10 integrally to the body.

3. The hand covering of claim 2 wherein the expanse forms a region of
the body that at least partially covers the forefinger.

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4. The hand covering of claim 2 wherein the expanse forms a region of
the body that at least partially covers the thumb.

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5. The hand covering of claim 2 wherein the expanse forms a region of
the body that covers both the forefinger and the thumb.

6. The hand covering of claim 1 wherein the wipers are formed as plural, laterally-spaced ribs extending upwardly from the body.

5 7. The hand covering of claim 6 wherein the body has a long axis and the ribs extend linearly along the long axis of the body.

8. The hand covering of claim 6 wherein the body has a long axis and
10 the ribs extend arcuately.

9. The hand covering of claim 6 wherein each rib includes a base and a blade, and wherein the blade is constructed to flex bi-directionally.

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10. The hand covering of claim 9 wherein the blade is constructed to flex in a first direction when the wearer moves the hand covering along a first path, and to flex in a second direction different from the first direction when the wearer moves the
20 hand covering along a second path different from the first path.

11. The hand covering of claim 6 wherein the ribs are formable in a preselected design to provide a desired look.

5 12. A glove to cover the fingers and thumb of a wearer while engaging in an activity, comprising:

a body for covering the hand of the wearer;

an expanse of formed material having plural wipers, wherein the expanse is joined to the body.

10 13. The glove of claim 12 wherein the expanse is joined integrally to the body.

15 14. The glove of claim 13 wherein the expanse forms a region of the body that covers the forefinger.

20 15. The glove of claim 13 wherein the expanse forms a region of the body that covers the thumb.

16. The glove of claim 13 wherein the expanse forms a region of the body that covers both the forefinger and the thumb.

5 17. The glove of claim 12 wherein the wipers are formed as plural, laterally-spaced ribs extending upwardly from the body.

18. The glove of claim 17 wherein the body has a long axis and the ribs
10 extend linearly along the long axis of the body.

19. The glove of claim 17 wherein the body has a long axis and the ribs
extend arcuately.

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20. The glove of claim 17 wherein each rib includes a base and a blade,
and wherein the blade is constructed to flex bi-directionally.

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21. The glove of claim 20 wherein the blade is constructed to flex in a first direction when the wearer moves the hand covering along a first path, and to flex in a second direction different from the first direction when the wearer moves the hand covering along a second path different from the first path.

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22. The glove of claim 17 wherein the ribs are formable in a preselected design to provide a desired look.

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